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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2008 setting forth a requirement for election of a species to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is allowed, applicants elect Species B, illustrated by Figure 8 and 9. Claims 1 to 7 are readable on the elected species. Further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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